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19 May 1947

**MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE**

**SUBJECT: Transfer of German Military Documents  
Section to Central Intelligence Group**

**References: a. Memo from DCI to Director, ID,  
WDGS, 7 Feb. 47, same subject.**

**b. Memo from Director, ID, WDGS,  
20 Mar 47, same subject.**

1. The attached cable from the Intelligence Division, WDGS, to the European Theater, informing the documents collecting agencies of the transfer of custody of captured German documents from the Intelligence Division to The Adjutant General is of interest for the following reasons:

- (a) No mention is made of the assumption by Central Intelligence Group of the intelligence functions of the German Military Documents Section.
- (b) A different channel is established for forwarding of "documents of unusual intelligence interest" direct to the War Department.

2. The original agreement between Central Intelligence Group and the Intelligence Division on this transfer specified (Para 2 d, (3) of reference a. above) "Documents received from the European Theater after the transfer of WDGS to The Adjutant General are accessible to Central Intelligence Group for intelligence screening." This provision was accepted, together with certain other conditions, by the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, in his memorandum of 20 March 1947 (reference b.).

3. It is recommended that the Director of Central Intelligence direct an inquiry to the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, questioning the intent of the attached cable, and whether the "individual documents of unusual intelligence interest," which are to be forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, will be made available to Central Intelligence Group without appreciable delay.

*2 cc. to Central Records  
1 cc. to Executive Registry*

Attached:

Ltr Dept. Cable  
CIO IT-14598

Brigadier General, USA  
Assistant Director for Operations

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